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Applicant: Lounsberry et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ASSOCIATING A FIELD  
REPLACEABLE UNIT WITH A  
MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM  
AND RECORDING OPERATIONAL  
DATA

Appl. No.: 09/450,264

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Examiner: Lau, Tung S.

Art Unit: 2863

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****BOX AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

**[ X ]** The fee required this amendment is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	23	22	1	x \$18.00	\$18.00
Independents:	4	3	1	x \$84.00	\$84.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$280.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					\$102.00
Supplemental IDS fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(p):					\$180.00
Terminal Disclaimer fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.20(d):					\$110.00
TOTAL FEE:					\$392.00

**[ X ]** Supplemental IDS under 37 CFR §1.56 with references and fee.**[ X ]** Terminal Disclaimer and fee.**[ X ]** A check in the amount of \$392.00 is enclosed.

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This reply is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2002 . Please amend the application as follows. Marked up versions of the claims amended below have been included as Appendix A of this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

**In the Claims**

**Please amend claim 7 as follows:**

7. (Once Amended) A method for associating a field replaceable unit with a medical diagnostic system, the method comprising:

querying for information on a field replaceable unit to be associated with a medical diagnostic system by sending a query to an electronic device associated with the field replaceable unit;

receiving identification information on the field replaceable unit from the electronic device;